

MADRAS CROCODILE BANK TRUST,
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19. ON THE OCCURRENCE OF BIFURCATED TAILED IN AGAMA LIZARD FROM SIMLA HILLS, HIMACHAL PRADESH

During September 1970, while undertaking a general faunistic survey of Rajgarh and its vicinity of district Sirmour, H.P., we observed a good number of agama lizards basking on barren rocks, creeping out from below stones and crevices of boulders, of which a few lizards were collected.

While studying these specimens, one lizard was noted to have its tail bifurcated last one-third of the total length of the tail. The specimen was identified as *Agama tuberculata*

Gray.

Material: 1 ex. Loc. Rajgarh, Dist. Sirmour, H.P., 3-9-70, M. Chandra.

Measurement: 250 mm. Total length. 123 mm. Standard length.

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20. RECENT RE-DISCOVERY OF THE RARE AGAMID LIZARD
OTOCRYPTIS BEDDOMII

Recently I picked up a juvenile agamid lizard from a bush near a stream in the upper shola, Kodaikanal (2100 m), Palnis, Western Ghats, South India. On detailed examination later the specimen was recognised easily as *Otocryptis beddomii* Boulenger because of its sub-

dermal tympanum and the short fifth toe. Boulenger (1885: 272) has described this species based on five specimens—two females and three juveniles—collected by Colonel Beddome at Sivagiri Ghat, Cardamom Hills, South India. Smith (1935: 148) says: "Ferguson obtained